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Conservation Commission Minutes 06/03/2010

Arlington Conservation Commission
Minutes
June 3, 2010

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, William O'Rourke, Charles Tirone, Catherine Garnett, and Ellen Reed of the Commission. Member Ezra Benjamin and Brian Thomas, Associate Commission member were not in attendance. Also in attendance were Brian Jones, Rick Dickason, Michael Rademacher, Bruce Whelittle, Pat Langill, Ken Reilly, Janette Langill and Brad Barber.

7:45 p.m. – Commission Business

White/Tirone moved to approve the 5/20 **meeting minutes** as edited; motion passed unanimously.

The Commission discussed **potential projects** for interns: the Arlington Reservoir, Mill Brook water quality. The board might use its table at Town Day as a platform for focusing on one of these topics.

8pm –**Working Session**– Spy Pond flood elevations

Mr. Rademacher explained how the Town has recalculated the 100 year flood elevation for Spy Pond and will submit a revision of the existing FEMA map. The new elevation will be 6.24 NGVD29 or 5.44 NAVD88.

8:15pm –**Notice of Intent** – 30-50 Mill St, continued from 5/20

The Commission is in receipt of a list of questions regarding the stormwater system from the Town's Engineering Dept for the upcoming ZBA hearing.

Mr. Jones presented answers to questions that the Conservation Commission had from the last hearing on the swale, the maintenance of the garage and bat boxes.

The garage can be swept twice a year and power-washed (with a special machine that recaptures the wash water) once a year.

Two batboxes will be placed in the wet water quality swale and add to the meandering path through the BMP.

Allen & Major has contracted to perform the construction maintenance of this job.

The snow areas are separate from the swale and our conditions should also reiterate that no snow can be placed in this BMP nor in the adjacent resource areas (brook).

The watertable is currently 1-2 feet below grade so excavation of the swale and forebay will intercept it. The DEP recommends lining the forebay however, it is not required. Mr. Jones will provide the Commission with some specifications for a clay/geotextile liner for consideration of its use.

Mr. Tirone would still like to see a cross-section of the forebay.

The Commission continued the hearing, with the applicant's approval, to 6/17 at 9:15pm.

8:45pm – **Discussion** – flooding at 16 Thesda and 104 Wright St

Mrs. Langill explained how her property has been flooded by water from a section of Reeds Brook located upstream of McClennan Park. The flooding has worsened since fill was placed adjacent to the waterway at an adjacent parcel, 104 Wright St.

The Commission will conduct a site walk and then consider how to proceed to remedy the situation.

Commission Business (cont.)

Mr. Barber reviewed the status of **Phragmites** removal at Spy Pond. He is coordinating the next step in the projects, removal of land-based plants at Elizabeth Island and other locations. The Commission stated that they would require individual Notices to be filed for each location since there are different landowners for each. Mr. Barber will work on filing for this in July.

Meeting adjourned at 10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator